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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

Shipping

Steamers.
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.


FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL
The Co.'s Steamship
 *Laertes*,
Captain SCALE, will
be despatched on above
WEDNESDAY, the 15th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, September 4, 1885.


 The P. & O. S. N. Co.
 Steamship
 "Kluin"
 will leave for the above
 places on WEDNESDAY, 15th Sept.,
 at 4 p.m.
 E. L. WOODIN,
 Acting Superintendent.
 P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
 Hongkong, September 10, 1885.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO
BOMBAY, ADEN, PORT SAID,
NAPLES, LEGHORN, GENOA, AL
MARSEILLES.

*Taking Cargo at through rates to all ME
TERRANEAN & LEVANTINE
PORTS, ODESSA & ALEXANDRIA
and also to NEW YORK & BUEN
AYRES (MONTEVIDEO).*

The Co.'s Steamship
Bormida



DAY, the 16th September
To be followed by the Steamer
Rutland on or about the 28th September
The Steamers have splendid Accommodation
for Passengers and carry a Doctor
and Stewards.
For further Particulars regarding Freight
and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Agents,
Hongkong, August 28, 1886.

HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to
ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

The Steamship
De Iona,
Capt. W. SCHAEFER,
will be despatched for
above Ports on **THURSDAY**, the 1
Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, September 8, 1886. 1

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT
SAID, BRINDISI AND TRIESTE
(Taking Cargo at through rates to C.
-UTTIA, MADRAS, PERSIAN
GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT or
ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Thiele,
Capt. A. BALLOVICH,
will be dispatched as at
on FRIDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon
For further Particulars, regarding Freight
and Passage, apply to the AGENTS of
Company, Praya Central.

O. EACHUS
Agent.

Hongkong, September 10, 1886.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

STEAM NAVIGATION COM-
PANY, LIMITED.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to
NEW YORK.)
The Co.'s Steamship
Kaisar,
W. S. THOMSON, Com-
mander, will be despatch-
ed as above on or about the 20th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, September 7, 1886. 1

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A.1. American Ship
T. F. Oakes,
Capt. Master, will load
for the above Port, and
will quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co

Hongkong, September 8, 1886. 1

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 L.L. 1 American Ship
Alexander McNeill,
G. W. DAVID, Master, will 1
here for the above Port,
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co
Hongkong, August 28, 1886. 1

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS,
PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1873.

For Sale.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.

Smoked HAMS.
Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.
Assorted SYRUPS.
Cutting's Table FRUITS.
ASPARAGUS.
Queen OLIVES.
Sausage MEAT.
CAVIAR.
Potted MEATS.
MACKEREL in 5lb. Tins.
Eagle Brand MILK.
Lamb's TONGUES.
Green CORN.
Baked BEANS.
BROWN.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT
of

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STOVES.**

AGATE IRON WARE COOKING
UTENSILS.
WOLFE IRONS.
CHARCOAL IRONS.
KEROSENE LAMPS.
NONPAREIL KEROSENE OIL.

WINES, &c.

SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pils. & Qls. @
\$1 and \$1.25.
SPARKLING CHAMPAGNE, Pils. & Qls. @ \$1.25
and \$1.50.
SACCOON'S SHERRY.
SACCOON'S INVALID PORT.
ROYAL GLENDEAL WHISKY.
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OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
HEERING'S CHERRY CORDIAL.
ASSORTED LEQUEURS.
DRAUGHT, ALE and PORTER.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of

OILMAN'S STORES,
at the

Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1208

To Let.

ROOMS in 'COLONN CHAMBERS,'
Nos. 7 and 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, July 29, 1886. 632

TO LET.

FROM the 1st September next, the Com-
modious PREMISES known as the
P. & O. Old Offices, lately in the occupa-
tion of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.
For further Particulars, apply to the
Underlying.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, August 21, 1886. 1614

TO LET.

THE HOUSE in CASTLE ROAD No. 1.
Apply to the SPANISH PROCONSUL, No.
14, CAUSE ROAD. Terms moderate. Pos-
sible on the first of the month.
Hongkong, February 6, 1886. 255

TO LET.

NO. 2, DOUGLAS VILLAS. Posses-
sion from the 1st July next.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1064

TO LET.

A FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE at the PEAK,
Good TENNIS GROUND attached.
Apply to
DENNIS & MOSSOP.
Hongkong, January 28, 1886. 192

Not Responsible for Debts.

**Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:**

ALEX. McNEIL, American ship, Capt. G.
W. David. — Messageries Maritimes.

ANNIE H. SMITH, American ship, Capt.
R. B. Brown. — Arnold, Karberg & Co.

BASH J. H. BOWEN, Amer. barque, Capt.
John A. Plum. — Chinese.

GALLATIE, British ship, Captain William
Colville. — Borneo Co., Ltd.

GEORGE CURTIS, American ship, Capt. T.
Sprout. — Master.

GRANDE, American ship, Captain T. H.
Evans. — Melchers & Co.

HAYTER, American ship, Captain Wm.
Taylor. — Order.

HYDRA, German barque, Capt. C. Bingz.
— Siemens & Co.

J. D. PETER, American ship, Capt. G.
A. Lane. — Messageries Maritimes.

LOENA DORR, British barque, Lyan.
— Arnold, Karberg & Co.

MOUNT LEBANON, Amer. barque, Capt.
Olas H. Nelson. — Arnold, Karberg & Co.

REVOLVING LIGHT, British ship, Capt. J.
A. Duran. — Messageries Maritimes.

Suez, British steamer, Captain Dodd.
— Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Insurances.

NOTICE.
**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.**

THE Underwritten are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Goods at 4
per cent. net premium per annum.
NORTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 938

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.**

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underwritten are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first-class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 100

To-day's Advertisements.

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FROM the 1st of October, the Remain-
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Floors are airy, and some of them excep-
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From the 1st of November.

BREEZY POINT,
ROBINSON ROAD.

Also, Now Ready.

GODOWNS at WEST POINT,
LAKE and SMALL.

Apply to

SHARP & Co.
Hongkong, September 11, 1886. 1752

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

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The British Steamship

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The Co.'s Steamship

Admiral,
Commandant DELACROIX,
will be despatched for
SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from
Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, September 11, 1886. 1750

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Volage,
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in full function as intrinsic motive power ratio to be established by law." Sir Warratt, at any rate, knows exactly what means, and comes plump out with it. Though such a proposal as this cannot be regarded as anything like a serious one where the silver question, which has just become a burning one in England chronically at boiling point, the annual move forward in England and America may not be without important sequences.

It is plainly no use so trying, and per the discussion is anticipated or perhaps the renewed examination of bimetallic doctrines as waste of time. It must be that, as a matter of fact, bimetallic have added and can add nothing to the case. The old laudable objection to the issue of a great alteration in the intrinsic value of silver and gold, says laws and Governments are powerless to prevent no artifice can prevent the market increasing value from going out of its orbit, will seem as valid as ever it did, biased critics. But the best those arguments are a weak answer to the cry of practical distress. Over and over again doctrine which have long been established to the satisfaction of all learned in the lecture-room have proved to descend in to the market-place industrial world they could give no salve generally recognized by the people. Monometallism may appear as convincing as ever to the mind of students, though even among them economists there is a large and influential body of doubters. But the commercial industrial world does not seem to be convinced by their demonstrations. It is bound to insist, with no uncertain voice, re-opening of the question, and on appeal from the doctrinaires to the business.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, September 11.
OPERA HOUSE—New Patria, cash, 62½
 " Old " do., 62½
 " New Benares, cash, 62½
 " Old " do., 62½
 " New Watery, cash, 62½
 " Old Watery, Cash, 62½
 " New Bazaar, Cash, 62½
 " Persian, Oily, Cash, 62½
 " Allowance, Ties, 62½
 " Persian, Paper tied, 62½
 " Allowance, Ties, 62½

Exchange.

HONGKONG, September 11.
Bank, Wire, 3/28
 " Demand, 3/28
 " 30 days sight, 3/28
 " 6 months sight, 3/28
 " Credits, 3/28
 " Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/28
India, Wire, 293
 " demand, 293
Shanghai, demand, 71½
 " 30 days sight, private, 72½
Gold Loan, 100 lbs, \$32½
Sovereigns, \$32½

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Farm, Queen's Road.)
BAROMETER—9 A.M. 29.8
Do. 1 P.M. 28.6
Do. 4 P.M. 28.6
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 80
Do. 1 P.M. 85
Do. 4 P.M. 85
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 74
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 74
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 74
Do. Maximum 84
Do. Minimum over night 77

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.
AT 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Barometer 29.77
Temperature 83
Humidity 65
Direction of Wind ... N.W.
Force 4
Weather ... c

Hongkong Observatory, Sept. 11.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.
SEPTEMBER 10.—AT 4 P.M.

	Station.	Latitude and Longitude.	Temperature.	Wind.	Pressure.
	Manila	20.81 N. 118.35 E.	86	S.W.	30.0
	Halong	20.86 S. 118.35 E.	82	S.W.	30.0
	Hongkong	22.76 S. 114.15 E.	81	S.W.	30.0
	Anson	22.76 S. 114.15 E.	81	S.W.	30.0
	Fuchow	29.39 N. 121.45 E.	74	N.E.	30.0
	Nagasaki	32.76 N. 129.50 E.	70	N.W.	30.0
	Shanghai	31.22 N. 121.47 E.	70	N.W.	30.0
	Yokohama	35.44 N. 139.63 E.	70	N.W.	30.0
	Wakatsuki	35.44 N. 139.63 E.	70	N.W.	30.0

SEPTEMBER 11.—AT 10 A.M.

Manila 29.86 S. 74 S.W. 1
Halong 29.86 S. 74 S.W. 1
Hongkong 29.86 S. 74 S.W. 1
Anson 29.86 S. 74 S.W. 1
Fuchow 29.86 S. 74 S.W. 1
Nagasaki 29.86 S. 74 S.W. 1
Shanghai 29.86 S. 74 S.W. 1
Yokohama 29.86 S. 74 S.W. 1
Wakatsuki 29.86 S. 74 S.W. 1

The thermometer is falling in Japan. The southern coast of China is clear, sea for 3-4 W. winds off the coast. Light typhoon appears to have the sea of Japan.

W. DODGE,
Government Astronomical Observer,
Hongkong Observatory, September 11.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 82 degrees centigrade, and to the level of the sea in inches and hundredths.
2. THERMOMETER, in the shade in Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation humidity of air saturated with moisture at 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OR VELOCITY, according to Beaufort's Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, scattered clouds, drizzling rain, fog, heavy rain, lightning, snow, passing showers, rain, sleet, thunder, or hail.
7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

SUN AND TIDE TABLE FOR HONGKONG.
(From The Hongkong Almanac and Yearbook, 1897.)

	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Day of Month.	Morn.	Aft.	Morn.	Aft.
1	8.18	6.24	5.48	4.48
2	8.13	6.42	5.48	4.48
3	8.08	6.59	5.48	4.48
4	8.03	7.16	5.48	4.48
5	7.58	7.33	5.48	4.48
6	7.53	7.50	5.48	4.48
7	7.48	8.07	5.48	4.48

High water at Whampoa: 2 min. later than at Hongkong.
Barricade: 3 hrs. 15 mins.; at Plate: 3 hrs. 30 mins.; at S. 3 hrs. 45 mins.

MOON.—First Quarter, 5d. 11h. after noon.

TOWN AND COUNTRY TALES.

AN AWAKING.
 "Will you come down to our place next Monday, Charlie, for a couple of days' shooting?"

"Monday? Yes, delighted, old chap."
 Then the friends proceeded to settle details. They would meet at the station and go by the 5.30 train, with would find them in comfortable time for dinner.

Now, if Charlie, who had a weakness, it was that he was prone to be a little oblivious about time, and in the habit of running his engagements rather late. On the Monday afternoon, to beguile the time between luncheon and the train, he called on a pretty woman of his acquaintance, and who was so kind as to stop until the last moment, and then jumped into a hansom, telling him to drive like the devil. Unfortunately his own watch had stopped (he forgot to wind it up the previous night), and how could he know that his hostess's clock was a quarter of an hour slow?

When he arrived on the platform, he was met by his servant, who, with a countenance expressive of emotion, pleasurable or otherwise, informed him that the train had departed, bearing Captain Leslie with it. The Captain had left word, that he hoped Mr West would be by the next train, which was not until 8.30 and reached at 10.15. He would drive the dog-cart over to meet him—it was six miles from the station.

Charlie swore exhaustively. He was not ill-tempered, but fairly, it is man might be justified (which I by no means admit) in indulging his language, here was a case in point. To find yourself in the East End of London, with two hours and fifty minutes on hand; to have foregone a pleasant dinner and evening; to have put your host to great inconvenience, and probably to have given a bad impression to his family before your arrival—all these things are extremely vexing.

But, having a tolerably happy disposition, Charlie after his first outburst of wrath and disgust, took it very well. He got into the dog-cart, and drove off to the West End, and found the papers, dined lightly, and took excellent care to be in time for the 8.30.

It was a slow train; it stopped at nearly every station, and arrived at last thirty-five minutes late. His friend, who had had time to recover his first feeling of regretment at Charlie's confounded inconsideration, was met by a very cordial. The dog-cart, was capacious, and they managed to cram in the servant and luggage, and went off at a spanking pace to the Court.

The moon shone brightly—the roads were excellent.
 "Jove! I enjoyed Charlie, drawing a long breath," How good everything smells, and what a blessing it is to get out of London!"

They drove through a long avenue of trees, and came to a big detached red house with a green roof, shining like a mirror in front of it.

"I expect," said George Leslie, "that we shall find everything gone to bed; all my people are tremendously early."
 And so it proved. The friends refreshed themselves in the dining-room, and the hour of one had given tongue from the stable clock before they thought of turning in. Leslie showed Charlie his room, spacious and tapestry-hung, and the young gentleman, having drawn back the curtains, which the housekeeper, in the manner of her kind, had heretofore closed, and thrown one window wide open, retired to bed, to sleep the sleep of the just.

How awoke on a morn'g by hearing his name. "Charlie! Charlie! do wake up! It was a pretty feminine voice; and Charlie was not in the habit of being called in this fashion.

He started, and looked up. What he saw was a slim young lady with a very pretty figure in a blue cotton gown, and the back of a charming head with golden plaits. The fair one was looking out of the window and apostrophising him at the same time.

"It is such a glorious morning; aren't you ashamed of yourself, you great idle creature, to be lying there missing all this lovely sunshine? Do get up, and come out with me before breakfast."

Charlie is not shy, but a very decided feeling of embarrassment creeps over him. Of course it is a mistake. He has known some rapid young ladies in his time, but never one who would have come into his room to call him before she had been introduced to him. But how on earth was he to introduce her? His identity? She had called him Charlie, too! Leslie's name was George, and he had no brothers.

In any case, it was rather a strange order for a girl to come into any man's room who was not her brother.

Charlie buried his head under the clothes, and awaited the *déroulement*. It was not long in coming.

Charlie, said the fair one again, and this time her voice indicated that her face was turned in his direction; "if you don't wake up this instant, I will throw a wet sponge at you! You are a lazy pig!"

Then he heard her proceed to the washing-stand, and dip a sponge in water, and partly wring it. Next moment, with unusually good aim for a girl, it bounced on his head, which was protected by the bed-clothes.

Charlie smothered a laugh; it was becoming too ridiculous.
 "Very well," then, said the voice, approaching, "I shall come and drag the clothes off you."

Now he must not put on promptitude. He raised himself a little, and put the clothes just far enough back for his assistant to see his laughing blue eyes. The damsel stopped midway in her descent into her face; her cheeks were dyed with crimson; and, uttering an agonised little groan, she turned and fled.

Charlie laughed all the time he was getting up. He could not help wondering how she would meet him at breakfast. They found a pretty young lady sitting at the table, and she said to him, "Would she tell any one, or would she ignore the incident? He would take his cue from her. The family were all assembled in the breakfast-room when he came down, and he was presented to his host and hostess; to three nice, fresh-looking girls, Leslie's sisters, and a fair young fellow, who had his own head and coloring, as 'My cousin Frank.' But where was the fourth, his charming assistant? There was no other place laid at the table, and breakfast came and went, and she did not appear. He heard the other girls address the cousin as Charlie, and comprehended that this was the young gentleman for whom he had been mistaken. Still, he did not quite approve of a girl, such a pretty girl, too, making so free with a cousin's name, as she was thoroughly uncomfortable, and only responded to his sallies by monosyllables.

It was a glorious moonlight night, and after dinner some of the young people went out into the garden. Charlie watched his opportunity, and poured on Lilian, keeping her engaged in conversation until they were separated some little distance from the others. Then he said suddenly, and not without a slight flutter at his heart,

"Why will you not speak to me? Surely it is not my fault that such a stupid little accident should have occurred. Why need

thoughts were distracted by the pretty golden-haired creature who had roused him from his slumbers. He could not have dreamed it. No! there was the wet sponge on his bed when he got up.

The shooting was over; he and Leslie were strolling homewards along the road, when a smart little village cart, with a trotting pony and freighted with two ladies came towards them.

"This is our parson's wife," said Leslie. "Such a good sort—I must introduce you to her." And, as he made a sign to the character, she pulled up, and Charlie saw that her companion was his fair friend of the morning.

"How are you, Mrs Grey?" cried Leslie cheerily. "Let me introduce my friend West to you. Mrs Grey, Mr West; Lilian, Mr West."

Lilian made the slightest motion of her head without meeting Charlie's eyes. Leslie indulged in some gay badinage with Mrs Grey, and Charlie, though he felt slightly embarrassed, tried to make conversation with Miss Lilian. She answered "Yes" or "No," as occasion required, and never once raised her eyes to his face.

"Do come up and dine to-night," Mrs Grey entreated Leslie. "My mother would be so awfully pleased. I'll go home and get a note from her, if you think it necessary."

Mrs Grey appeared to water; then Charlie distinctly saw Miss Lilian pinch her friend in a menacing manner. Many thanks, I am so sorry, but I cannot possibly manage it to-night," Mrs Grey answered. "We have so much to do still for the bazaar."

"Lilian, you young puss!" cried Leslie, "what do you mean by deserting us in this way? It is a very poor compliment to West here."

"We are so busy setting about the bazaar," replied the young lady.

"Well, I suppose you are coming home some time to-night. Shall I walk down and fetch you?"

"Do," said Mrs Grey; but again West saw the surreptitious pinch, and Miss Lilian replied laconically.

"No, please don't. Mr Grey will see me home. I do not know when I shall be ready."

"We must be off," said Mrs Grey. "Come, my dear, in a hurry." And away they flew.

"What do you think of our parson's wife?" asked Leslie.

"Not much the cut of a parson's wife," replied Charlie. "By Jove! what a figure, and what a pair of dashing eyes upon him. 'If you don't remind me—' she began."

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you hear malice because I was put in the room that your brother had been occupying."

In the moonlight he could see the swift crimson racing through her fair skin.

"I—I shall never, never get over it," she said, putting up her hands to cover her face, that were burning her face. "What can you have thought of me? If—if any one were to know it, I should never hold up my head again."

"I hope you think I am a gentleman," cried Charlie indignantly. "I suppose you don't imagine that one word would ever pass my lips on the subject?"

"Will you swear it?" said the discomfited maiden.

And he swore by all his gods. After that she became more friendly. He had the pleasure of listening to her lively voice, as her cousin had called it, and when he left the Court he was madly in love with her.

He had up to this time entertained a rooted aversion to matrimony—even now he could not quite make up his mind to propose to her, but thought that he would wait and see how he felt. He was delighted to find that she lived in London, and about a tremendous friendship with her brother, whom he had to dine every day and many other entertainments. Every day after he was parted from her, he felt that the best thing in the world for a young fellow to settle down, and that the constant presence of a domestic angel must make heaven of earth.

So when Lilian returned to London, Charlie, aided and abetted by his maid, who was invited to dine at her mother's house, and one evening, when he had invited her into the charming conservatory that led out of the drawing-room, he, in the midst of pretending to admire a flower, turned suddenly to her, and in a voice that was a little unsteady, exclaimed,

"O Lilian, can't you see how awfully in love I am with you?"

Lilian looked down. She made no response to his words or to the pressure of the hand which seized hers.

"Don't you care a little bit for me, darling?" he asked.

Lilian turned away her head.

"You have quite forgiven me for what happened at the Court, haven't you?" he pleaded maladroitness.

She shrugged her hand from his, and said, "I don't care a word about it."

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"I feel much obliged to you," said the Vicar, "for having been so long among thousands had found a remedy for an aggravating disease. Believing this remarkable case of Dyspepsia Asthma should be known to the public, I beg to submit the above facts as they are related to me."

F. T. W.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

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Station	Barometer	Thermometer	Direction	Force	Wind	State of Sky	Remarks
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Hainan	29.85	85	E	2	b	—	
Hongkong	29.84	78	E	2	b	—	
Amoy	29.79	84	SE	3	o	—	
Poohow	29.80	73	SE	3	o	—	
Shanghai	29.80	73	SE	3	o	—	
Nagasaki	29.68	—	SE	3	o	0.03	
Wakatsuki	29.80	61	—	—	—	—	

SEPTEMBER 10.—AT 10 A.M.

Station	Barometer	Thermometer	Direction	Force	Wind	State of Sky	Remarks
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The barometer is falling along the coast of China and rising in Hongkong and in Siberia. The temperature for W. winds are slight. The humidity is moderate, the humidity low and the weather prevails. There is a typhoon between northern Formosa and southern Japan, probably moving northwards.

W. DOBSON,
 Government Astronomer.
 Hongkong Observatory, September 10.

1. Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. Thermometer, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. Direction or Wind, to two points.

5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. State of Weather, in blue sky, e, do, light clouds, d, drizzling, rain, fog, g, gloomy, hail, lightning, s, snow, t, thunder, v, visibility, w, wet.

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